

The Columbus Courier

Vol. IV.

Columbus, Luna County, New Mexico.

May 7, 1915.

No. 47

County Graduation Exercises Here

The graduation exercises that have been announced to take place Thursday evening, May 20 may be varied somewhat from plan which had been previously arranged. Miss Goebel, our county superintendent, was at Columbus last Saturday evening and suggested a plan that she has matured which is to have the eighth grade pupils of the various schools of the county outside of Deming, center in at Columbus on the above mentioned date and all be graduated together.

Of course this is not just as we expected to have it but if it will accord, as we hope it will, with the American idea—the greatest good to the greatest number—then it may be the best way for our young graduates to close up the school year.

While this is the present possibility I think that Miss Goebel does not have the plan matured; however, those of us who have had a different plan have acquiesced in the new arrangement, and if Miss Goebel makes all things work together she will, of course, let us know and it will be carried out.

Will mention also that a picnic has been planned for Friday following the graduation exercises which everybody is expected to attend and to eat enough to last him a week. —T. A. WINDSOR.

Prepare to Celebrate the Fourth

There is a chance to keep the Thirteenth Cavalry in Columbus on July Fourth if we decide we want them enough that we will dig down in our pockets and prepare for a real celebration. We did not make arrangements to celebrate last year and every body left town for the day. Can we afford to let the same thing occur this year? Come out to the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday evening and help get the movement on foot for a big celebration. You are cordially invited to attend this meeting whether you are a member of the organization or not.

Will Clean the Cemetery

A movement is on foot to perfect an organization to take over the cemetery west of town. Mr. Hulse has donated a five acre tract and is ready to make a deed for it as soon as an organization is formed to deed it to.

There will be a meeting on next Wednesday for the purpose of organizing and it is planned to meet at the cemetery the last of this month and clean it up. This is a work that should have been done a long time ago and we hope to see it gone a head with and completed as it should be.

Poem Accepted By Magazine

A few weeks ago we published a short poem written by Mrs. Margaret Barron, "Worry Is What Makes You Grow Old." Mrs. Barron sent the poem to McClure's magazine and has received notice that same has been accepted and will be printed in that publication in the near future.

The small child of T. A. Hulse was taken to Deming this week and put under the care of an experienced nurse. The child is not to the best of health and needed better care than Mr. Hulse could give it here.

Will Observe Mothers' Day

On next Sunday Mothers' Day will be appropriately celebrated in every city and hamlet of the United States. With the other towns and cities of the states, Columbus will observe the day with a fitting program.

Through the efforts of Anna Jarvis, founder and president of the Mothers' Day International Association, President Wilson issued a Mothers' Day proclamation, as he does for Thanksgiving Day.

The president and founder of the Mothers' Day, in setting aside Sunday, May 9th, as the day in which to pay homage to the mothers of the states, has issued the following:

"It is a public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of our country because the mother is the greatest source of the country's strength and inspiration."

"Further than being one day of celebration, it is designed to be one of great practical value to the homes, the nation, parents and children, by inspiring them all with a deep sense of their responsibilities toward each other for the well being of the home. It is also intended to give emphasis to the work of the Mothers' Day International Association in its endeavor to right some of the injustices to the motherhood and childhood."

One of the arguments contained in the preface of the program for this year's observance reads as follows:

"Do you know that 300,000 children and hundreds of thousands of men and women died last year in the United States from preventable diseases and accidents due to ignorance, carelessness and unsanitary homes and communities?"

"If a foreign enemy had invaded our Atlantic or Pacific coast or Mexican border last year on Mothers' Day and had since then slain hundreds of thousands of peaceful, defenseless men and women and 300,000 children in mothers' arms, what would you have done as a man, woman, or patriot in their defence?"

The program arranged for the celebration in the churches and other meeting places in the various communities throughout the country opens with singing "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds." It includes a reading of the president's proclamation and of the Mothers' Day prayer delivered in the house of representatives.

In Columbus, as in other towns every man, woman, daughter and son is requested to attend services on Mothers' Day.

Public Auction

There will be an auction sale of household goods, farm tools, a young gentle driving horse, buggy and harness, and many other articles to numerous to mention, on the streets of Columbus, at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., on Saturday, May 8th. If you have stock or anything to sell bring it in and add to the sale.

J. W. BLAIR

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pryor, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Southworth and Mr. Rutherford, of the Citizens National Bank, were Columbus visitors last Saturday. They motored down from Deming.

Bills have been posted announcing that an Auto Stage will make a trip to Deming and return every day.

Chamber of Commerce Will Meet

A meeting of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce on next Monday evening, May 10, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be called to order promptly at that hour and it is hoped that every member will be present. Everybody is invited to come out and attend this meeting even if they do not desire to become members. The proposition of a Fourth of July celebration will be brought up and same deserves the attention and consideration of every citizen. If we expect to keep the Thirteenth Cavalry here on the Fourth we have positively got to get busy. Other towns are after the regiment and we can only hold them by getting down to work and we must do what we do "now." The question of a celebration will be settled at this meeting and it is absolutely necessary that every man in the Lower Mimbres Valley who favors it and will aid and assist in any way to be present. The affair given here two years ago was a great success and there is no reason why we cannot make this year's celebration a big success. Don't forget the date of this meeting. It will be held in the old bank building.

For a Glorious Fourth This Year!

Come to Church Sunday

Services will be held at the M. E. Church next Sunday as follows:—The morning service will be a special service in honor of the mother, this day having been set aside and designated as Mothers' Day. There will be a special address by the pastor and special music will be rendered by the choir. A special invitation is given to all to attend this service.

In the evening the service will begin at 7:00 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

On Monday evening Dr. Alamo Bright will preach at 8:00 o'clock at the conclusion of which will be held the third quarterly conference. A hearty invitation is given to all to attend this service.

More New Buildings

W. T. Ritchey is building a small business house on Luna Street a short distance east of the Commercial hotel. Mr. Flora is also building a house on the opposite side of the same street, which will be occupied by the Columbus Bakery.

Goes To Idaho

S. R. Hunt, one of the Lower Mimbres farmers and a Valley booster, left Tuesday for Boise City, Idaho, where he owns some very valuable mining property. Mr. Hunt has a half interest in four claims in the green mountain. He will be away for about thirty days. Mr. Hunt before leaving filled his pockets with literature and will do some advertising for the valley on the trip.

Lost—Between town and J. S. Anderson's, a gold band bracelet, engraved "Oella." Please leave at this office and receive reward. 1tp

Eliminate The Corn Stalk Borer

J. W. Nelson Answers Call

In a bulletin issued by the A. & M. college experiment station Jos. W. Rigney, Chaves County agriculturist, says:

"At present the production of Indian corn greatly, in some sections of New Mexico. Some of the difficulties are easily solved, some are not. However, the one caused by the presence of the corn stalk borer is one that can be easily overcome, since the insect spends the winter in the six-trimmed twig and the 'top root' of the corn stalk.

There are two generations a season. The first is spent in the leafy portion of the plant and the second in the stalk itself. On this account spraying is not feasible, so we must look to some other method. Plowing is the solution of the problem.

The larvae winter in the stalks. The logical thing, then, is to get rid of those stalks and the best way to do this is to plough them under in the fall, thus burying the larvae so that they can not get out. But since it is spring now instead of fall, the remedy is to plough the stalks up, rake and burn them. The writer has not heard of these insects hibernating the sorghums, such as milo, kafir, feterita, etc., but since they were brought to this country in sugar cane, spreading from the southern states growing this crop to practically every corn growing state it may be that some day the sorghums will succumb to the same or greater extent than the corn. Better look after the corn stalks now, for it will not be long now before these insects leave the stalks."

"Cutworms are the naked, greenish or dusky larvae of a number of species of dusky winged moths that fly at night for the most part. In the spring of 1914 there was a great number of one species of moth of this group prevalent very generally over New Mexico," says D. E. Merrill, entomologist at the A. & M. college.

"The usual life history is as follows: The eggs hatch into the moths in late summer hatch into small caterpillars, or 'cutworms,' which lie concealed just beneath the surface of the ground near tender parts of plants. They feed mostly at night. Late in cold weather and lack of food necessitate hibernation in the soil or under rubbish, wood piles, etc. In the spring, feeding is resumed again. The damage is more noticeable at that time for the cutworms are fat and hungry, and vegetation is scarce. After a time the caterpillars reach their full size, go into the soil to pupate, and later emerge as moths to lay more eggs for later generations. Alfalfa fields harbor enormous numbers of these worms."

"Control. Many moths may be caught at night by placing a light above a tub of water. This will not reduce the number of cutworms much as the females do not fly far before laying the eggs. It will reduce the number of having the moths in such numbers about the house. Water standing six or eight hours on a field should kill many of the cutworms in the soil. A reliable remedy is the poisoned bait made as follows: Mix one pound of Paris green with 25 pounds of dry bran. Add two or three quarts of molasses to five or six gallons of water and stir the mixture thoroughly into the poisoned bran. Let this stand several hours before using. If infested fields scatter broad cast, in the evening, pieces of

On Sunday evening about eight o'clock the grim reaper of death again visited the neighborhood claiming for his victim J. W. Nelson. Mr. Nelson had been suffering for several years with tuberculosis. He came to this climate about four years ago for his health and apparently improved at times but he was too far gone to ever recover and his death had been expected at almost any time for several months.

The deceased had made a large number of friends in this community and was a man who was well in high esteem by all. His death is a great loss to the community. He is survived by the widow and two small children, who have the sympathy of all who know them in their bereavement.

Mr. Nelson was born in the state of Mississippi in the year of 1878, and was a faithful member of the Baptist church until death. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Land at the M. E. Church Tuesday afternoon and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Keenham, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Peter Mack for the past month, left Monday for the two fairs in California, making the trip in their car. C. W. Keenham, their son, accompanied them as far as Tipton, Arizona.

Boy Evangelist Coming Here

Rev. Chas. Mundell, the boy evangelist, will come to Columbus on the 15th of this month for the purpose of holding a revival meeting. This arrangement is for the series of meetings to last three weeks. Rev. Mundell is now conducting a revival at Lordsburg, N. M., and from all reports seems to be meeting with great success. A meeting of the members of both the Baptist and Methodist churches at this place was held on Tuesday evening and it was voted to invite the evangelist to come to Columbus. From what we gather to the newspapers Rev. Mundell is a kind of sensational minister in the style of Billy Sunday, and in the towns he has visited has drawn a large congregation of every service. He employs his choir leader—the man who is with him now and will come here is a Mr. Bashford, and no doubt the services here will be a success.

A. A. Kemp and Louis Rave attended court last week at Deming. Mr. Kemp was a witness in the Lawyer-Roscoe case and Mr. Rave went to secure his naturalization papers and is now a full pledged citizen of the great U. S. A.

The drilling of the new city well is under way and at the time we go to press it had been sunk to a depth of about 120 feet.

Mrs. J. L. Greenwood returned from El Paso Wednesday evening. She had been away for medical treatment.

this but the size of two or three fingers together. In gardens, strew the pieces along the bases of the plants being attacked. In this dry climate the application may have to be repeated to give best results.

W. C. T. U. Program May 11th

Devotions Mrs. Hoddington.
Paper How can we train our children to be temperate Mrs. Rigney.
Discussion
Music Mrs. Evans.
Items of interest from the members—leader Mrs. Peters.
Reading Miss Breeding.
Roll call. Invitations.
Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Windsor will entertain the meeting at the home of Mrs. Windsor.

School Board Organizes

The new Board of Education qualified as members the first of the week before the old board. A meeting was held Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of organization. A. G. Ballenger was chosen president, A. E. Kemp treasurer and P. K. Lemmon clerk. The teachers for next year have not yet been employed, the board deciding to take more time to consider the applications which have been received. Our citizens should congratulate themselves upon securing the service of such citizens as this board is composed of, and the people should cooperate with them and assist them in every way possible.

Speaking at Sunnyside

Last Sunday afternoon a good sized crowd gathered at Sunnyside to hear an address on Socialism. A. L. Taylor spoke for an hour and says he will be out on the same mission occasionally as there seems to be an active demand for discussions of this nature in that locality. Historic phrases directly bearing on the subject will be treated.